



UN Major Group for

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Children and Youth

the space for children and youth in the United Nations



What is the UN MGCY?

The **official and self-organised space for children and youth** in certain intergovernmental and allied process **at the United Nations.**

Vision of the UN MGCY

Children and youth are planning, designing, implementing, monitoring, reviewing and evaluating sustainable development policies.

What gives UN MGCY the mandate?

Agenda 21; UN General Assembly Resolutions (such as 2013's A/Res/67/290); Agreements with UN bodies and conferences



Who are the Members?

Any **individual 30 years old or under** who signs up to the MGCY online or in person.

Any **organisation, network, committee, group or other association of individuals** that signs up to the MGCY online or in person and that fulfills either of the following requirements:

- *Representative of the interests of children and/or youth, and has a policymaking body controlled by people 30 years old or under;*
- *Works with children and/or youth but doesn't have a policymaking body controlled by individuals 30 years old or under.*



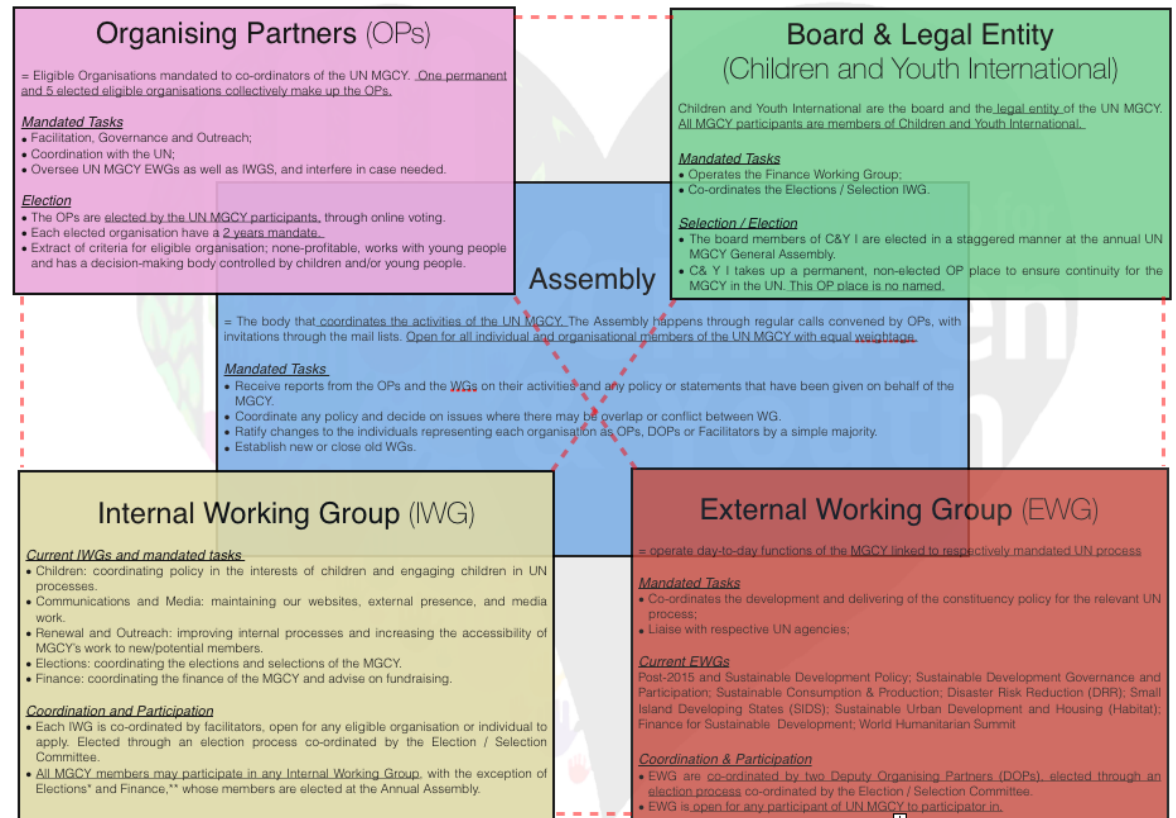
The Governance Structure of The UN MGCY

UN MGCY consists of **Internal & External Working Groups**.

Working Groups are coordinated by 1-3 facilitators and **open for any member to be involved**.

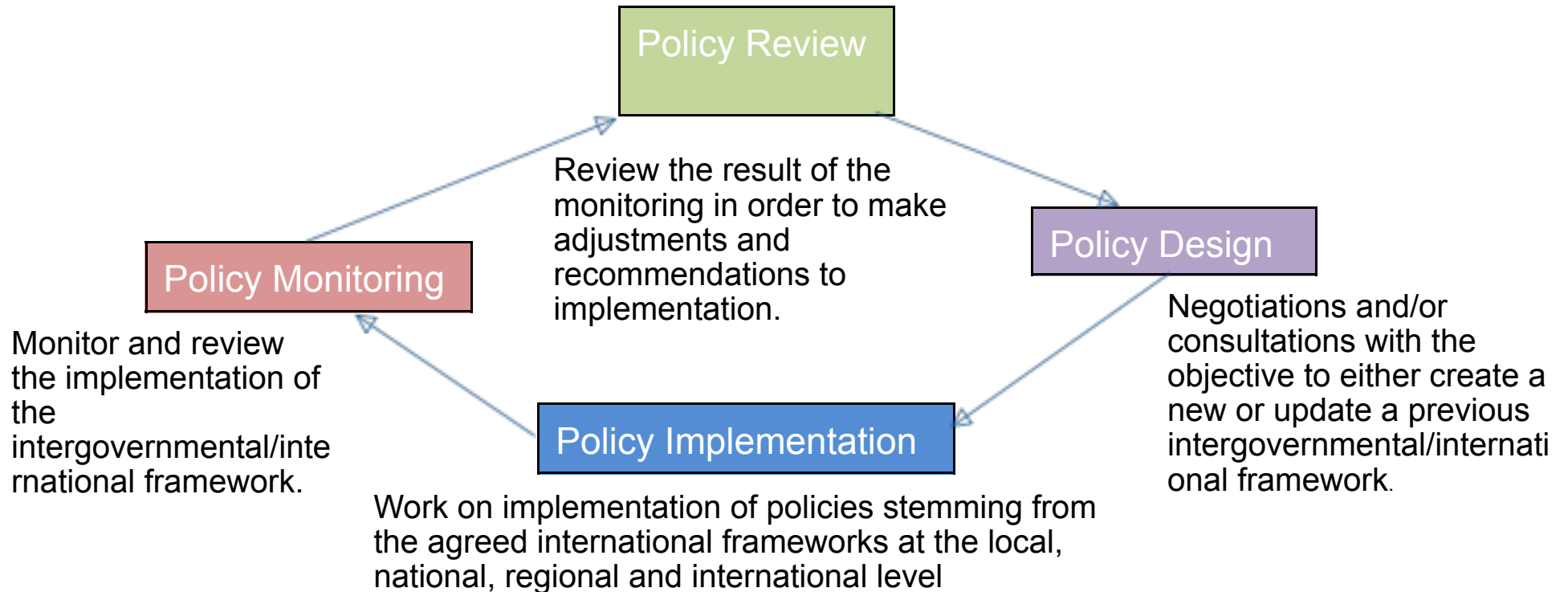
The decision-making space of UN MGCY is monthly assembly calls.

The overarching facilitators of all the working groups, the assembly calls and administration are the Organising Partners.



The Circle of Engagement

The process of Engaging in an Intergovernmental/Multilateral Process



2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

The 2030 ***Agenda for Sustainable Development*** was adopted in September 2015, after 3 years of negotiations and consultations. Since Rio+20, the UN MGCY has facilitated youth participation in the process of creating Agenda 2030.

What can YOU contribute to in this Working Group?

1. **Policy Design of the Agenda 2030**
 - Contribute to the Negotiations on ***Indicators to Monitor the Agenda 2030***. Next negotiations is XXXX.
 - Lobby your government, make sure that the national policy are in line with Agenda 2030.
2. **Implementation of the Agenda 2030**

Read more about opportunities in the following slides of this presentation on The Youth Gateway
3. **Monitor of the Agenda 2030**

Read more about opportunities in the following slides of this presentation on High Level Political Forum and The Youth Gateway
4. **Review of the Agenda 2030**

The Agenda 2030 will be reviewed within the ***High Level Political Forum (HLPF)*** and you can be part of the youth-led review process of UN MGCY, and keep the governments accountable for implementation.



Financing for Development

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development was adopted in July 2015, after over a year of negotiations. This framework will guide strategies for financing, investments and means of implementation. UN MGCY has been involved since beginning of process and been a part of the Addis Coordination Group

What can YOU contribute to in this Working Group?

1. Policy Design of the Addis Agenda
The international agenda is adopted. We now need to ensure that regional and national policy will be developed in line with the Addis Agenda
2. Implementation of the Addis Agenda
Work at international, regional, national and local levels to ensure the implementation of the agreed framework. Different strategies for different levels along with capacity building
3. Monitor and 4) Review of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda
The monitoring and review of the agenda at the international level will take place through the FfD Forum that will also feed into the High Level Political Forum



Small Island Development States

The Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) were first formally recognized by the international community at the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). Highlighting their challenges towards sustainable development. In 2013, the preparation process started towards the Third International Conferences on Small Islands Developing States.

. What can YOU contribute to in this Working Group?

- [Policy Design of the Samoa Pathway](#)
process and resulted in the Samoa Pathway
- [Implementation of the Samoa Pathway](#)
SIDS action plan. Lots of National Opportunities
- [Monitoring of the Samoa Pathway](#)
all levels [Review of the Samoa Pathway](#)
place through the High Level Political Forum

The Agenda was resigned through the SIDS

The Pathway is being implemented through the



pathway implementation will be monitored at
The review of the agenda will take



Sustainable Consumption & Production.

“The use of services and related products, which respond to basic needs and bring a better quality of life while minimizing the use of natural resources and toxic materials as well as the emissions of waste and pollutants over the life cycle of the service or product so as not to jeopardize the needs of further generations” The a 10-Year Framework of Programs (10YFP) on sustainable consumption and production was adopted in 2011. UN MGCY is an official stakeholders in the monitoring and review of 10YFP implementation.

What can YOU contribute to in this Working Group?

Policy Design of the 10YFP

The international agenda is adopted. YOU are needed to ensure that regional and national policy will be developed in line with the 10YFP.

Implementation of the 10YFP

Multilateral National level implementation of the framework

Monitor of 10YFP

The 10YFP is reported to the HLPF, you can contribute to data collection through the Youth Gateway (further information below in this presentation).

Review of the 10YFP

The 10YFP will be reviewed within the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and you can be part of the youth-led review process of UN MGCY, and keep the governments accountable for implementation.



Disaster Risk Reduction



UNISDR
The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction



UN World Conference on
Disaster Risk Reduction
14-18 March 2015, Sendai, Japan

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) was adopted in March 2015, after two years of negotiations. UN MGCY have facilitated youth throughout the process.

What can YOU contribute to in this Working Group?

Policy Design of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

- a) *Contribute to the Negotiations on Indicators to Monitor the SFDRR. Next negotiations is in February 2016, Geneva Switzerland.*
- b) *Lobby your government, make sure that the national policy are in line with SFDRR.*

Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

*Contribute to build the **Youth Science Policy Platform for DRR** and ensure that the SFDRR implementation is based upon evidence based best practice. It will be launched in the UNISDR Science & Technology Conference, 27th - 29th January 2015, Geneva, Switzerland.*

- b. *Contribute to the creation of institutionalized **youth engagement platform on DRR**.*

Monitor of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Read more about opportunities in the following slides of this presentation on The Youth Gateway.

Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

*The SFDRR will be reviewed within the **High Level Political Forum (HLPF)** and you can be part of the youth-led review process of UN MGCY, and keep the governments accountable for implementation.*



World Humanitarian Summit



The World Humanitarian Summit, set to take place in Istanbul on 23-24 May 2016, is a global call to action by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The Summit will re-inspire and reinvigorate a global commitment to humanity, and initiate a set of concrete actions aimed at enabling countries and communities to better prepare for and respond to crises, and be more resilient to shocks. UN MGCY is coordinating youth participation in the WHS.

What can YOU contribute to in this Working Group?

Policy Design of the New Humanitarian Framework

- a) *Contribute to the **negotiations of the outcome of the WHS**. Next official meeting is in May 2016.*
- b) *Lobby your government and other stakeholders*

Implementation of the New Humanitarian Framework

- b. *Contribute to the creation of a **Youth Alliance on Humanitarian Issues**, the scope and references is under discussion and we need your input.*
- c. ***Represent UN MGCY in the creation of a Alliance on Urban Crises**, which is under development together with other stakeholders.*
- d. *Create a Science-Policy Interface platform for young humanitarian scientists.*

Monitor of the New Humanitarian Framework

The monitor is not agreed on yet, as the agenda is not adopted.

Review of the New Humanitarian Framework

The review have not started yet, as the agenda is not adopted.



Housing and Sustainable Urbanisation

Habitat III will result in the New Urban Agenda. The negotiations started year 2014 and it will culminate in Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Quite (Ecuador) in October 2016. UN MGCY is the chair of the stakeholder group for children and youth in the Habitat III.

What can YOU contribute to in this Working Group?

Policy Design of the New Urban Agenda

*Contribute to the **negotiations of the New Urban Agenda**. Attend any of the Urban Thinkers Campus, Thematic Meetings or Regional Meetings. Please contact h3dop@childrenyouth.org for detailed information*

- *Lobby your government and other stakeholders.*

Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

This is so far not under discussions, but the working group will shortly develop a section addressing young urban scientists contributing to science-policy interface on urbanisation. The theme of the Next Global Sustainable Development Report is urbanisation, and UN MGCY has been invited to contribute.

Monitor of the New Urban Agenda

The monitor is not agreed on yet, as the agenda is not adopted.

Review of the New Urban Agenda

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High Level Political Forum

The High-level Political Forum on sustainable development is the main United Nations platform managing sustainable development. It provides **political leadership and guidance; follows up and review progress in implementing sustainable development** commitments and addresses new and emerging sustainable development challenges; enhances the integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. **The High-level Political Forum meets:** Every four years at the level of Heads of State and Government under the auspices of the General Assembly (GA), and every year under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). **Next meeting is in July 2016, New York (USA).**

What can YOU contribute to in this Working Group?

Monitoring of International Frameworks

Make shadow reporting of your government of the implementation of one of the goals and indicators of any of the Post-2015 Frameworks reporting to HLPF (Agenda 2030, SFDRR, FfD, SIDS, SCP).

- a. *Report on youth contribution to implementation of the agenda 2030 (more information in following slide on the Youth Gateway).*

Review of the Agenda 2030

- b. Review the implementation of the Post-2015 Agendas reporting to HLPF, keep the governments and stakeholders accountable.



YOUTH SCIENCE POLICY INTERFACE PLATFORM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

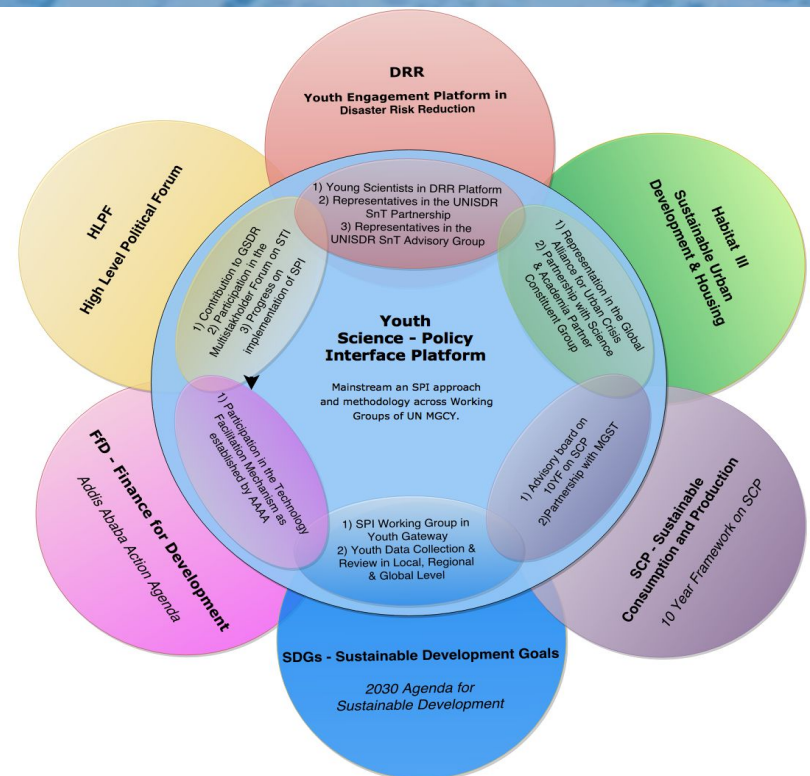
What is Science Policy Interface?

SPIs are the many ways in which scientists, policy-makers and others link up to communicate, exchange ideas, and jointly develop knowledge to enrich policy and decision-making processes and/or research.

How can YOU be involved?

Take in SPI related activities across the different UN processes:

- Technology Facilitation Mechanism
- Contribute to the Global Sustainable Development Report
- Young Scientists in DRR Platform





Global Youth Partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals

YOUTH GATEWAY

What is Youth Gateway?

The Global Youth Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals, the "Youth Gateway," is co convened by the Office of the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth (OSGEY) and the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UN MGCY).

The Youth Gateway is a web-based platform for young people to learn about, implement, monitor, and review the global sustainable development agenda.

The Youth Gateway website was recently launched during the Sustainable Development Summit and the 70th High-level UN General Assembly. Please visit the Youth Gateway announcement website at: www.youthgateway.org.

How can YOU be involved?

Many people expressed interest in specific SDGs (ex. Goal 3: Health). In 2016, applications will open for Youth Gateway Fellows. Fellows partner with an UN agency for development of youth friendly SDG content related to a specific SDG.

In 2016, the UN MGCY Youth Gateway Team will be recruiting more team members. The needs of the UN MGCY Youth Gateway team are in flux from initial website development, to policy and content creation, and data partnerships. It would be wonderful to have you join!

Drop us a line at gateway@childreneyouth.org - share your ideas, passion, or suggest to partner on a project.



How do YOU start your engagement in international policy implementation, monitoring and review?

Policy Design

- i. Learn the policy & decide on your advocacy priorities.
- ii. Identify opportunities to influence the agenda at national, regional & global levels.
- iii. Develop a **comprehensive action plan to influence** your government and/or relevant intergovernmental bodies; identify key positions, stakeholders and decision-makers and their relative influence at national, regional and global levels.
- iiii. Engage with the Major Groups and other stakeholders through official channels for mutual advocacy benefit.

Policy Implementation

- v. Develop a **monitoring and evaluation** framework for **Master Risk Reduction, Sustainable Consumption and Production** in your national / regional / local context. Identify national indicators adopted in your country.

Policy Monitoring & Review

- vi. Evaluate the results of your advocacy and identify ways to improve your government and other





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